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Add new claims 15-33, reading as follows:

15. An aqueous nasal spray composition prepared by combining ingredients comprising oxymetazoline hydrochloride and two or more linear polymers of 1-Vinyl-2-pyrrolidone having different average molecular weights.

16. The composition of claim 15 wherein one linear polymer ingredient has an average molecular weight about 10,000.

17. The composition of claim 15 wherein one linear polymer ingredient has an average molecular weight about 40,000.

18. The composition of claim 15 wherein one linear polymer ingredient has an average molecular weight about 160,000.

19. The composition of claim 15 wherein one linear polymer ingredient has an average molecular weight about 360,000.

20. The composition of claim 15 wherein one linear polymer ingredient has an average molecular weight about 40,000 and another linear polymer ingredient has an average molecular weight about 360,000.

21. The composition of claim 15 wherein the concentration of oxymetazoline hydrochloride is about 0.01 to about 0.1 percent by weight/volume.

22. The composition of claim 15 wherein the total concentration of the linear polymer ingredients is about 0.5 to about 15 percent by weight/volume.

23. The composition of claim 15, further comprising as an ingredient an aromatic alcohol.

24. The composition of claim 15, further comprising as an ingredient benzyl alcohol.

25. The composition of claim 15, further comprising as an ingredient phenylethyl alcohol.

26. The composition of claim 15, further comprising as an ingredient benzalkonium chloride.

27. The composition of claim 15, further comprising as an ingredient a water-soluble polyethylene glycol.

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28. The composition of claim 15, further comprising as an ingredient a moisturizing agent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, glycerin and a mixture thereof.

29. An aqueous nasal spray composition prepared by combining ingredients comprising: 0.01 to 0.1 percent by weight/volume of oxymetazoline hydrochloride; a linear polymer of 1-Vinyl-2-pyrrolidone having an average molecular weight about 40,000; a linear polymer of 1-Vinyl-2-pyrrolidone having an average molecular weight about 360,000; and a water-soluble polyethylene glycol; the total concentration of the linear polymer ingredients being about 0.5 to about 15 percent by weight/volume.

30. The composition of claim 29, further comprising as an ingredient an aromatic alcohol.

31. The composition of claim 29, further comprising as an ingredient benzalkonium chloride.

32. The composition of claim 29, further comprising as an ingredient a moisturizing agent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, glycerin and a mixture thereof.

33. An aqueous nasal spray composition prepared by combining ingredients comprising: 0.01 to 0.1 percent by weight/volume of oxymetazoline hydrochloride; a linear polymer of 1-Vinyl-2-pyrrolidone having an average molecular weight about 40,000; a linear polymer of 1-Vinyl-2-pyrrolidone having an average molecular weight about 360,000; a water-soluble polyethylene glycol; benzalkonium chloride; and a moisturizing agent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, glycerin and a mixture thereof; the total concentration of the linear polymer ingredients being about 0.5 to about 15 percent by weight/volume.

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